

ONE GOOD TERM DESERVES ANOTHER RE-ELECT GARY HARRIS

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The appointment of Gary Harris to the Newark City Council may have been the catalyst that will bring profound changes to our city. Councilman Harris was born in Newark's Beth Israel Hospital on September 23, 1953. Garry attended the Peshire Avenue School. He graduated from Weequahic High School and received his B.A degree from Virginia Union University. A product of the local school system, and a graduate of a black college, Gary can serve as a role model for youth. His close relationship with his father, Earl Harris, has made him sensitive to the needs of all the people.

During his stint at Virginia Union University he hosted a radio talk show on station WRQV called "From the Roots". This show dealt with political, social, and school oriented information. This give and take of ideas improved his understanding of Urban problems. His growing occupation with social struggle led him to accept the post as co-ordinator of Students for Fair Voting process. This group was in the forefront of the campaign to block the merging of Richmond with surrounding townships in the county. The merger was designed to dilute the black voting strength in Richmond. The victorious struggle to preserve the power of the black electorate imbued Gary with a deep sense of confidence in the power of the people.

His positive activities during the college period led to his being named to "Who's Who on the American Campuses". In the year of 1979 the Jaycees picked Gary as one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Men of America". In the early 70's Gary spent his summers serving underprivileged youth and senior citizens. His titles in the various programs were Supervisor, Program Analyst, and Ward Coordinator.

Gary Harris, son of former City Councilman Earl Harris, has a history of serving the public. As a Principal Planner in the Mayor's Policy and Development Office, he was responsible for organizing block clubs and tenant councils throughout the city. The block club movement was a key component of the citizen participation activity required by the federal government. Gary took part in the development of food cooperatives in the



public housing complexes, and supervised the first garden program in Newark's history. All of these activities gave Newark national recognition for its citizen participation efforts. The flow of federal dollars into Newark was uninterrupted.

As a Consumer Information Specialist for the city, Gary lectured in high schools, Jr colleges, tenant organizations, and other groups. He covered budgeting, credit usage, warranties and contracts. Landlord-tenant laws and city government were included in his talks.

Six years of work experience in the private sector (Anheuser Busch, and Jet Magazine) developed Gary's keen business acumen. A feeling for the people, combined with his business knowledge, makes Gary uniquely qualified for public office.

In 1983 he became Chief Of Staff for his father. Gary gained first hand knowledge of the inner workings of the City Council. He worked on resolutions, ordinances, and city budget activities. Representing his father at meetings, conferences, and conventions was another of his responsibilities.

The atmosphere in the City Council is changing. A new sense of hope and accomplishment dominates the meetings. More concentration on the plight of the public, and less infighting is the order of the day. Let us join in wishing the new young member of the council well. He needs our support to help make our city a better place for ourselves and our children.

**In Memory of the Late
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